

Application No.: 10/552,396  
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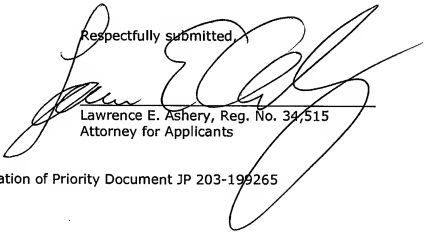
**Remarks/Arguments:**

The title was found to be non descriptive. A new title has been furnished.

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Koichi (JP 2004-127805). The dependent claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Koichi (and in some cases also based on Park - U.S. 5,775,124). Koichi has a publication date of April 22, 2004. The present application, however, claims priority to JP 2003-199265 with a filing date of July 18, 2003. As Applicants' priority date precedes the publication date of Koichi, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. A verified translation of Applicants' priority document is enclosed.

In view of the amendments and the remarks set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Verified Translation of Priority Document JP 203-199265

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